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For : METHOD OF GENERATING MOLECULE-FUNCTION NETWORK

**SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on October 25, 2005; December 6, 2005, August 29, 2006; November 16, 2006; May 13, 2008; September 15, 2008; and April 24, 2009, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action dated March 10, 2009 with respect to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-575304, in which the following document, not previously made of record in the instant application, was cited:

- Fukagawa et al., "Development of Workbench System for Support of Identification of Gene Regulatory Network," The 18<sup>th</sup> Biotechnology Symposium Proceedings, INTEC Web and Genome Informatics Corporation, September 28, 2000, pages 101-104, along with a partial English language translation.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), the undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Of course, this statement does not apply to information that has previously been cited by Applicants or the Examiner in the present application as that information is already of record and no certification is necessary.

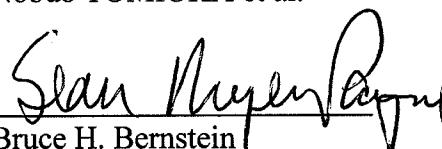
A copy of the above-listed document is attached hereto and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and indicate such consideration by initialing and signing the attached Form PTO-1449, and returning a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

No fee is believed due at this time. However, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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